STATES-ITEM

Ward Denies Candidacy For DA Post

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Chief Assistant District Attorney Charles R. Ward said today he has no intention of becoming a candidate against his boss, Jim Garrison, in the DA race later this year.

Ward said he wanted to clarify his position "because of the increasing speculation that I may become a candidate for district attorney.

"It has never been my intention to offer myself as a candidate for district attorney in opposition to Jim Garrison," he said. "I am assuming that Jim Garrison will be a candidate for that office and I am not seeking to be elected to it."

Ward said the DA's office "has an outstanding record in prosecutions and law enforcement and I intend to support Jim Garrison and his efforts to make this city a safer place to live."